



WASHINGTON POTATOES

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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 48,285 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to March 1, 2006, 2,445 thousand cwt. less than the 50,730 thousand cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 2,925 thousand cwt. less than the 51,210 thousand cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to March 1, 2006 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 41.7 percent of the 2005 production. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 23,210 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, ^{1/} NINE STATES, 2004 & 2005

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960	35,570	42,800	-	-	-	-
Maine 2/	2004-05	-	-	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06	-	-	1,290	1,805	2,405	3,015	-	-	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,285	-	-	-	-
Other States 3/	2004-05	-	-	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06	-	-	11,820	15,030	17,980	21,180	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2004-05	-	-	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06	-	-	66,010	81,690	96,500	115,280	-	-	-	-
Dehydrated 4/	2004-05	-	-	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06	-	-	12,180	15,920	19,515	23,210	-	-	-	-

- No monthly data available.

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

4/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on March 1, 2006 were estimated at 32,000 thousand cwt., 3,000 thousand cwt. more than the 29,000 thousand cwt. in storage on March 1, 2005, and 2,500 thousand cwt. more than the 29,500 thousand cwt. in storage on March 1, 2004. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 63,480 thousand cwt. compared with 64,810 thousand cwt. a year ago.

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March Potato Stocks Down 8 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 154 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2006, down 8 percent from last year and 7 percent below March 1, 2004, for comparable States.

Western States held 113 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, down 4 percent from last year. Both Idaho's and Colorado's potato stocks are down 14 percent from last year. California's stocks decreased 40 percent from 2005. Oregon's potato stocks are up 28 percent from last year, Montana's potato sheds stored 21 percent more than in 2005, and Washington's stocks increased 10 percent from last season.

Central States accounted for 31.2 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, down 21 percent from last year for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks decreased 2 percent from last year. Minnesota's stocks are down 19 percent from 2005, and stocks in North Dakota are 49 percent below last season. Michigan potato stocks are unchanged from the same date in 2005.

Eastern States stored 10.0 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, down 1 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds held 7 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 86 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2000-2005, WASHINGTON & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
		1,000 Cwt.						
WASHINGTON								
2000	105.000	59.000	52.000	44.500	37.500	29.500	21.500	13.000
2001	94.400	53.000	46.000	40.000	32.500	25.000	18.000	10.000
2002	92.340	50.000	43.500	38.500	30.500	23.000	16.500	9.000
2003	93.150	51.000	44.000	38.000	29.500	21.500	15.000	7.000
2004	93.810	50.000	43.000	36.500	29.000	22.000	15.500	8.000
2005	95.480	52.000	46.000	40.000	32.000			
15 STATES 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,110	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	372,581	251,800	218,900	187,600	153,700			

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON MARCH 1, 2005 AND MARCH 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP OF 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2005 2/	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2006 2/	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,648	1,500	41	3,240	900	28
Colorado	23,791	11,900	50	22,292	10,200	46
Idaho	131,970	64,000	48	116,975	55,000	47
Maine	19,065	9,400	49	15,736	8,700	55
Michigan	13,650	3,600	26	13,920	3,600	26
Minnesota	18,920	8,800	47	17,630	7,100	40
Montana	3,551	2,400	68	3,434	2,900	84
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	3,300	40
New York	5,184	700	14	5,226	1,300	25
N. Dakota	26,765	13,100	49	20,500	6,700	33
Ohio 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	9,000	46	22,023	11,500	52
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640	700	27			
Washington	93,810	29,000	31	95,480	32,000	34
Wisconsin	30,450	10,700	35	27,880	10,500	38
Other States		3,220				
15 STATES TOTAL 4/	403,587	168,020	42	372,581	153,700	41

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

4/ Thirteen States for the 2005 crop.